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Editors' Table.

MIDDLEBURY COLLEGE has graduated 1352 men. Of these twenty have become presidents of colleges, about eighty have become college or seminary professors, nearly fifty have entered the field as foreign missionaries and 510 have entered the ministry, representing nine different ecclesiastic organizations. From the remaining 700 have gone forth men who have taken high rank in politics, medicine, law, journalism and literature. The college has been liberally represented in the various State legislatures, in the governorships—including New York—in congress and the consular service. Its old grip upon affairs has increased with its years. Senator Geo. Z. Erwin, '65, Col. Aldace F. Walker, '62, Judge J. S. Grinnell, '66, Hon. E. B. Sherman, '60, Judge R. S. Tuthill, '63, Attorney General of Mississippi, T S. Ford, '66, Congressman Stewart, '46, ex-Minister E. J. Phelps, '40, and many others are men whose works are known and who are now before the public. Several of her graduates are now presidents of colleges and many of them college professors. In literature the author of the "Green Mountain Boys," Dr. Hudson, John Godfrey Saxe and scores of lesser lights have made her famous. Surely we have reason to be proud of our history past and present.

THE UNDERGRADUATE is finding out things right along which enables it to get more into touch with the alumni. This is just what we desire, and the only way it can be brought about is by the alumni writing us giving us points. Some of them have done this. We wish all would. The last letter received was from ex-Editor H. W. Hulbert, '79, Professor of History and Political Science in Marietta College, from which we make a few extracts: "The UNDERGRADUATE has been a welcome guest, and I must confess that it is a great improvement on the 'UNDERGRAD' of my day. . . . It is much more of a business success now than it was then. The editors are selected on a better basis. . . . One suggestion occurs to me—the UNDERGRADUATE should make a special point to make its columns a depository of a running history of the college. To this end I would suggest a calendar at the head of the local column at each issue to contain every *important* event with the date of each. . . . Such a chronology would be of great value. College boys in writing up items take too much information for granted in the alumni." We wish we could receive a hundred letters full of suggestions like the above and we would make the UNDERGRADUATE all that our friends desire it. The students are willing and ready to do the work, but need the guiding of alumni.

BEFORE the March issue is in the hands of its readers the new board of editors will have been chosen. The seven editors are chosen on the merits of their work. In order to be eligible to a position on the board a student must be a regular sub-

emy from 1869 to 1870; was admitted to the bar in 1871 and practiced in Ogdensburg until 1879, when he went to Waddington, N. Y., where he is now practicing law. Abner Smith taught a year, then went to Chicago and studied law, was admitted to the bar in 1868, where he has been ever since. He is president of Lake View Telephone Exchange, director of the North Star Construction Company, council for the National Life Insurance Company of Vermont and for the Life Indemnity and Investment Company of Iowa. Stearns taught at Leominster, Mass., the first year after leaving college and the second year at Athol. After that he studied law in Boston and Brooklyn and was admitted to the bar in 1868. He practiced law in the latter place until 1882, and is now treasurer and general manager of the Stearns Fertilizer Company of New York.

Of those whose lot it was not to finish the course we know very little. Of Chase, Green and Rand we know nothing. And, by the way, wouldn't it be a desirable thing to have a supplement in the back of the general catalogue which would tell something about those who started, but for some reason did not complete the course? Page went West at the end of Sophomore year and has since died. E. C. Smith is now at Cabot, Vt., and deals in live stock. F. T. Lovett left during Junior year and began preaching in the Methodist church at Mendon, and afterwards at Proctorsville and Londonderry. In 1882 he purchased a property in Brandon, where he is at present. Chapman decided to take his last year at Hobart. He spent some time West after graduation, and finally located in Middlebury, where he has been chief of police for several years and was a member of the Governor's staff. J. W. Lovett left during the last term of the Sophomore year on account of poor health and engaged as clerk in a store in town until 1871. He then bought one-third interest in the business previously run by Sheldon & Co. In 1876 he went into business for himself. In 1881 he engaged as book-keeper for Smith & Allen, where he has since remained. Perkins finished with the class of '67 and is now preaching at Dunstable, Mass. The data at our command have been incomplete and we trust that any errors which may appear will be generously overlooked. X.

'32. REV. JONATHAN BLANCHARD'S EIGHTIETH BIRTHDAY

Was observed with great eclat January 18 at Wheaton College of which institution he is President emeritus. President Blanchard graduated from Middlebury College in the class of 1832 and taught for two years as principal of the Plattsburgh Academy. He entered Andover Theological Seminary in 1834, where he remained two years and then entered Lane Theological Seminary, where he remained until 1838, when he became pastor of a church in Cincinnati, O., and remained there until 1846. The rest of President Blanchard's career and the royal manner in which his eightieth birthday was celebrated is told in the following, which we take from the Chicago *Times*:

The chapel of Wheaton College was transformed last night into a sylvan bower, thronged with men and women, who had gathered there to celebrate the eightieth birthday of its beloved president emeritus, the Rev. Jonathan Blanchard, who has been the guiding spirit of that famous institution of learning for nearly a quarter of a century. The programme was an exceeding appropriate one, consisting of an organ recital by Prof. Harris, followed by "My Country, 'Tis of Thee," sung by the entire audience. There were addresses by the Rev. C. W. Hyatt and the Rev. Dr. Richard Edwards, together with short speeches by friends, and the reading of letters from those who were unable to attend. Among the latter were congratulatory letters read by Prof. D. A. Straw from the Rev. Herrick Johnson, Dr. E. P. Goodwin of Chicago; President Bateman of Knox College; Chancellor Carpenter of Drake University; President Cravuth of Fisk University; Dr. Fisk, President of the Chicago Theological Seminary; the Rev. William C. Roberts, President Lake Forest University; Dr. George T. Carpenter of Des Moines, Ia.; the Rev. Dr. Gates, President of Iowa College; the Hon. W. H. Bradley, Clerk of the United States Circuit Court; the Rev. W. H. Chandler, the Hon. A. M. Craig, the Rev. Dr. Joseph E. Roy, Secretary A. M. H., and Mr. S. B. French.

Following is the order of exercises:

Organ Recital, Prof. Harris.
Music—"My Country, 'Tis of Thee," Congregation.
Prayer. The Rev. James Thompkins, D. D.
Music—"God Speed the Right" Quartette.
Letter from Absent Friends, Read by Prof. D. A. Straw.
Music—Freedom and Victory," Quartette.
Remarks—Five Minute Speeches by friends from home and abroad.
Music—"New Star-Spangled Banner," Quartette.
Addresses,
The Rev. C. W. Hyatt and the Rev. Dr. Richard Edwards.
Music—"The Earth was Made for Man," Quartette.
My Life Work, The Rev. Jonathan Blanchard.
Music—"The Truth Goes Marching On,"
Quartette and Congregation.
Benediction.

The feature of the evening, however, was the address, "My Life Work," by President Blanchard. It was in every way worthy of the man, being a modest review of his labors in the church, school and editorial chair, but full of admiration for and closing with a splendid tribute to Wheaton College, which has grown to its present standing under his powerful guidance.

Mr. Blanchard said: "I was born in a large red farmhouse on the Green Mountains in the town of Rockingham, Vermont, Jan. 19, 1811. There were then no steamboats, railroads, telegraphs, or telephones to make mankind next-door neighbors; few libraries to teach them, few factories in this country to clothe them, and no lucifer matches to light their fires. I went to 'district school' at 4, began the study of English grammar at 7, Latin at 12, and taught school at 14 1-2 years of age. The best Christian in town distilled cider-brandy and harvesting was deemed impossible without New England rum." He told his anti-slavery experience and how he got

college life is by no means the least important factor in preparing one's self for the duties of life.

Alumni Department.

[*Contributions from Alumni solicited for this department. Class-histories, reminicences, obituaries, biographies, literary articles, and papers upon current topics are always in order and desired.*]

CLASS OF '66.

THE class of '66 entered fourteen men and held that number for three years and graduated eleven, all of whom are now alive. Only seven who started with the class ran the entire course. These were Brown, Eddy, Grinnell, Porter, Shepard, Abner Smith and Stearns.

The fourteen that entered in the fall of 1862 were W. D. Brown, New Haven; C. R. Chase, Guilford; R. J. Eddy, Winhall; J. S. Grinnell, Massena, N. Y.; S. B. Green, Sheldon; J. W. Lovett, Middlebury; M. B. Page, Middlebury; H. M. Perkins, Oroomiah, Persia; D. J. Porter, Rutland; W. H. Rand, Keene, N. H.; A. B. Shepard, Lawrenceville, N. Y.; Abner Smith, New Cambridge, Mass.; E. C. Smith, Cabot, and O. H. Stearns, Rutland. At the beginning of the second year Chase, Green and Rand did not return, but their places were filled by Thad. M. Chapman, Middlebury; T. S. Ford, Manchester, and N. R. Nichols, Danby, and thus the number was kept the same.

The beginning of the third year was marked by the absence of Page and J. W. Lovett and the addition of L. M. Pierce, Londonderry, and F. T. Lovett from '65. The beginning of the fourth year found the seats of Chapman, F. T. Lovett, Perkins and E. C. Smith vacant with but one addition, E. J. Ranslow, from '65. This reduced the number to eleven, all of whom graduated. Since that eventful day the class of '66 has been rendering faithful service to the world. Four of them chose law as a life work and to even things up four more chose gospel; one went to making pills to finish the work of the above mentioned eight, another took up the business of a merchant, and to make the outfit complete the remaining one opened a manufacturing establishment. The work of the class has been complete, and although widely scattered, each has added something to the community in which he lives.

After graduation Brown entered the Theological Seminary at Andover and finished his studies at that institution in 1869, when he was called to the pastorate of the Congregational church at Gilbertville, Mass., where he remained until 1888, when he went to Interlachen, Fla., where he is at present. Eddy studied medicine at the University of Vermont, finishing there in 1868. He is now in Glens Falls, N. Y., where he has been health officer and coroner. Ford is now at Columbia, Miss. He studied law after graduation, and he has followed it with success. In 1872–3 he was a member of the Mississippi legislature; from 1876 to 1879 he was District Attorney for the first district of Mississippi; for the seventh district from 1880 to 1884, and in 1885 and 1886 Attorney General for the State. Grinnell upon leaving college taught in the Ogdensburg Academy and studied law at the same time and was admitted to the bar in 1868. In December, 1870, he went to Chicago, where he has since practiced law. In 1879 he was elected City Attorney and re-elected in 1881 and again in 1883. In 1884 he was elected State's Attorney for Cook county, Ill., for a term of four years, and in this capacity won his world-wide reputation in the famous trial of the Chicago anarchists. In 1887 he was elected Judge of the Circuit Court of Cook county and is now a candidate for mayor of Chicago. Nichols taught for a year in Castleton Seminary and then studied for the ministry at Andover. In 1870 he was pastor of a church at Westford, Mass., and at Acworth, N. H., in 1872. In 1875 he located at Barnet, Vt., where he remained until 1880, when he went to Norwich, Vt., as pastor of the Congregational church and became instructor in the Evidences of Christianity in the Chandler Scientific School at Dartmouth College, and is still at Norwich. Pierce entered Andover and finished in 1869 and became the pastor of the Congregational church at Glenwood, Mo., where he remained until 1871, when he went to Provincetown, Mass., in 1873. In 1884 he removed to Blackstone, Mass., where he is at the present time. Porter is a prosperous merchant at Freeport, Ill., where he has been for nearly twenty years. He has also at one time been a member of the City Council and Deputy Collector of Internal Revenue. Ranslow was with the class only the last year, and was formerly a member of '65, a "bloody Sophomore," when '66 appeared upon the scene. Ranslow had lost a year serving Uncle Sam. He studied at Andover and in 1869 went from his studies to become the pastor of the Congregational church at Swanton, Vt., where he has been ever since, excepting from 1875 to 1878, when he was at Wells River, Vt. Shepard was principal of Lawrenceville (N. Y.) Acad-

in the Green Mountain Boys: "Could one of the fabled scenes drawn by the immortal Homer have been so far realized on the 4th of May, 1775, that Mars, the supposed supervisor of every military enterprise, had sat in his cloud-begirt chariot over that tract of country lying between Lake Champlain and the Green Mountains, to take note of whatever in his line of business might be on foot below, he might have perceived near the close of that day, movements among the inhabitants of Middlebury and vicinity, so simultaneous, and yet so apparently unconcerted that even his godship, unless previously let into the secret, would have been sadly puzzled to decide in what manner to account for them. Nearly every able-bodied man could have been seen leaving his home for a point not far to the south of those falls around which the village of Middlebury now stands. Though all would have seemed gradually centering to this spot, yet this would have been the only point of agreement discoverable. Some carried axes on their shoulders, some hoes or other implements of husbandry and some guns with which they seemed to be amusing themselves by shooting squirrels, or whatever small game might be in their way and in no instance were two men seen traveling together. The exact point of concentration was at length seen to be an opening in the wilderness in the center of which was a log house tenanted by a confidential friend of Allen's, and in the rear of the house was a huge log barn of dimensions large enough to hold half a regiment." And here it was determined on the 4th of May, 1775, by a handful of patriotic Vermonters that ere a month should pass they would make the attempt to recover Lake Champlain, and on the 10th they carried their resolutions to a successful issue.

Besides the above there are many other points to which the students often resort. I will mention only three, Grand View (or Snake Mountain), Bread Loaf Inn and Chipman Hill, a part of the latter being within the corporate limits of the town. From this elevation of 450 feet may be seen Lake Champlain, the depression of Lake Dunmore, the birth-place of Stephen A. Douglas, Silas Wright, the Green Mountains, the Adirondacks and many other important and pleasing sights, one being that of the Otter winding in and out among the hills like a huge serpent, which is traceable at this point for miles. Surely any who are in search of a healthful and beautiful spot will do well to pass this way.

X.

THE CHARACTER OF BURKE.

I HAVE lately taken great pleasure in reviewing the life and works of Edmund Burke, England's greatest orator, philosopher and statesman. Much as I admired his works, deeply interesting as I found his life, still greater was the admiration and interest when I looked beyond that grand expanse of rhetoric and logic, and beheld in the background his sublime and beautiful character, glittering in all its purity and crystal whiteness, as grand a monument to his memory as the pen of an impartial historian and the affection of a grateful people could bestow.

It is when we read such lives that we can understand what constitutes statesmanship in its highest, broadest and most significant sense and are enabled to measure the distance between the plane of the statesman and the low level of the demagogue. History, stern, truthful, impartial, reserves for the statesman of character her most honored place, and weaves for him the chaplet of her grateful remembrance. Her heroes are not Catilines, Neroes and King Johns, men of abandoned principle; but the Ciceros, the Burkes and the LaFayettes.

"Statesmen, who broke no promise, served no private end,
Who sought no title, and who lost no friend.
Ennobled by themselves, by all approved,
Praised, wept and honored, by the land they loved."

History, in a certain sense, is the biography of rulers, and the progress of the governed is in direct proportion to the character of those who govern. Here is the reign of a tyrant marked by the suppression of the press, and the prostration of moral incentive. There a ruler gathers about his reign an atmosphere of literary life and culture. Another gives his patronage to religion; his successor perhaps is a worshiper of idols. Thus every statesman has left his impress on his age. How much depended on his character.

Burke met the requirements of statesmanship fairly and fully. He was a statesman in the highest conception of the word. His mind, voice and pen were weapons employed for the people, not the aristocracy. He sought reform in all the branches of government. He rested not until he had secured, as well as he was able, that for which he labored. Unlike the low politician, Burke counted his fellow men, not as so many votes to be purchased by so many pounds or shillings, but as fellow creatures with himself, bound by a common tie in the welfare of England.

Edmund Burke always stood for the right, no mat-

Knox College out of debt and afterward was President of Wheaton for twenty-two years.

The exercises closed by music, "The Truth Goes Marching On," and benediction.

President Blanchard was born in Windham county, Vermont, in 1811. Graduating from one of the foremost eastern colleges, he entered the ministry and became a teacher and lecturer. He was made president of Knox College, Galesburg, Ill., in 1846 and held that position fourteen years, when he was elected president of Wheaton College. Since 1882 he has devoted a large portion of his time to the *Christian Cynosure*, of which publication he is editor. The venerable president is still in good health and gives promise of many more years of usefulness.

The *Interior* of Jan. 22, gives the following account:

Rev. Dr. Jonathan Blanchard's friends celebrate the eightieth birthday of this widely known warrior and sage. Dr. Blanchard is recognized as a man of great intellectual ability, unflinching courage, both moral and physical, profound and immovable convictions, and as an intense and uncompromising hater of oppression and of every kind of immorality and wickedness—a hatred which has, all his life long, found expression in indefatigable aggressiveness. He does not appear to mourn over evil—he goes for it with sword and torch. He means that the mourning shall be in Gath, not in Jerusalem. In the days of his young manhood and prime, forty to fifty years ago, he was a leader in the moral war upon intemperance and slavery. To get back into the past—into the moral atmosphere of the time—we know of no way better than to re-read the debate between Drs. Blanchard and N. L. Rice on slavery. Dr. Rice was the finest debater on theological and moral questions of his generation. He was acute, incisive, logical, clear, almost unlimited in knowledge on his subject, and unmatched as a tactician. In that debate Blanchard attacked, while Rice defended slavery. It was the old battle between Richard and Saladin put upon the forum instead of on the field. Dr. Blanchard was mobbed a few times in the good old days of the slavery discussion—once at Chambersburg, Pa., where his life was in serious peril. He went back to the scene shortly after the burning of the city by the Confederates and found the people quite cured of their old-time antagonism to his principles. With the abolition of slavery Dr. Blanchard turned his attention to secret societies—and no one needs to be told where he stands on that question. He has made enemies by the score both in and out of the churches. And yet he has the respect of all his opponents on any and all questions. His simple and childlike piety, big brain, iron will, courage—even his ferocity of onset, win him respect. Blanchard is one of the old prophets dropped down into the nineteenth century. Like them he was stoned—and like them on some occasions the stoning was to be expected. Not even a prophet can reasonably demand that the missiles shall all fly one way. If Michael Angelo could have had the Doctor's head for a model he would have improved upon his Moses. He was a highly successful pastor and evangelist. He lifted Knox College out of the slough, and established its goings, and did a like service for Wheaton College. It is to be wished that he may leave a full autobiography.

The Athletic association has decided to have a drama acted at the town hall some time during the month of March. The parts will be taken entirely by students. The object is to raise money for the association. If the play is successful in this town, it will be introduced in some of the surrounding towns.

Literary.

SCENERY SURROUNDING MIDDLEBURY COLLEGE.

SITUATED among the hills on the banks of the historic Otter in a section which the artist of nature has made most beautiful, on a foot-hill of the Green Mountains, stands Middlebury College founded in 1800. From its observatory may be seen the Adirondacks in the West, in the East the Green Mountains traversing the State North and South like a huge backbone, while lying between may be seen Lake Champlain reflecting, mirror-like, the giant images of both. An hour's drive brings us to the mountain containing the famous cave of Ethan Allen. There is no spot in the whole range of the Green Mountains that combines more of the requisites for a perfect landscape than may here be seen. Here at the base of this mountain, lies Lake Dunmore, embosomed among the hiils. Thus has this beautiful sheet of water been described by Judge Thompson: "From the eastern shore the land rises abruptly into a lofty mountain, which, like some mighty giantess, sits enthroned in mid heaven, her head turbaned with a wreath of white mist and looking down with seeming fondness and care upon the bright daughter that, reflecting back her own rude image, lies quietly reposing in her lap, receiving the rich supply of a thousand pearly rills that come gushing to her open lips." An hour's climb in the mountains will take us past several beautiful sights, the most noted being the Twin Cascades, Overhanging Rock and Silver Lake, where we find ourselves 1600 feet above the level of Lake Champlain. Both of these lakes are now popular summer resorts.

It is of historic interest that the first organized attack made upon the British troops in the struggle for independence was made by the Green Mountain Boys under the leadership of Ethan Allen upon Ticonderoga. It is also interesting to know that the attack was planned in an old log barn in the town of Middlebury, a few minutes' walk from the present site of the college. The meeting was strictly secret owing to British scouts in this vicinity.* The story is thus told

*"The Green Mountain Boys," which has had such an unprecedented sale in New England and the Middle States, was written by Judge D. P. Thompson, who graduated from Middlebury College in the class of 1820. Another book of his, "The Rangers," is to the eastern side of Vermont's history during the same period what "The Green Mountain Boys" is to the western, and is fully as interesting.

Exchanges.

The Rutland High School *Notes* is one of the best among our school and academy exchanges.

One of our exchanges has figured out that more brunettes than blondes marry, and adds that the latter are daily becoming fewer.

The Bates *Student* comes to our table full of live and interesting matter. Number one of Volume XIX contains a spicy article on Adam Bede. Adam is our favorite and the article just touched the spot.

The second installment of the "Talleyrand Mem moirs," published in the February *Century*, is devoted entirely to Talleyrand's narration of his personal relations with Napoleon Bonaparte. Talleyrand apologizes for taking office under the Directory, describes his first meeting with Bonaparte, tells how the First Consul snubbed an old acquaintance, and relates other anecdotes of Napoleon tending to emphasize the weaknesses and vanities of the emperor. Talleyrand criticizes Napoleon's Spanish policy, and gives a detailed account (from notes which he had taken of the conversation) of an interview that Napoleon had at Erfurt with Goethe and Wieland.

Theodore Roosevelt, writing of the work of the Civil Service Commission, in the February *Atlantic*, says the chief difficulty which the commission meets arises from the slowness with which the popular mind takes to any new theory, and from its inability, by no means wholly unnatural, to discriminate between the branches of the service where the law does apply and those where it does not. For over sixty years the public service has been treated as so much plunder. No other cause during these sixty years has been so potent in effecting the degradation of public life and in working a real and serious harm to the national character.

Town and Campus.

[*Items for this department from the town should be such as are of general interest to the alumni. A college monthly can't be a local newspaper, and items purely of local value as news are not wanted.*]

CALENDAR.

Jan. 8. Beginning of the winter term.

12. Work on the chapel was commenced and the Boarding Hall association elected officers.

Jan. 13. Prof. Howard lectured before the Addison County Teachers' Institute at Bristol.

14. Profs. Eaton and Howard and several of the students attended Stanley's lecture at Burlington.

16. The Y. M. C. A. elected delegates to attend the Convention of College associations at Williams.

24. Senior and Junior rhetoricals.

26. The High School came up to visit the college museum in a body.

28. Prof. Howard lectured at Manchester, Vt.

Prof. Seely read a paper before the Vermont Bee Keepers' association on "Some Agricultural Questions."

29. Day of Prayer for colleges observed. All work suspended.

Prof. Yager lectured before the Rutland County Teachers' association at Fair Haven.

30. Prof. Howard lectured before the Seniors on the "Reign of Elizabeth."

31. Sophomore rhetoricals.

Cady, '93, conducted services in Salisbury, Jan. 9.

Prof. Yager preached at Manchester, Vt., a few Sundays ago.

Hayes and Chapman attended Stanley's lecture at Burlington, Jan. 13.

A number of the boys attended the teacher's institute held at Bristol Jan. 12.

The favorite Sophmore reading at the opening of the term was "Burke."

Megathlin, '93, preached in Ferrisburgh Jan. 16, in place of Hasselgrave, who was sick.

Prof. Boyce has been re-elected Sunday school superinrendant of the Congregational church.

Prof. Seely is president of the legal society of the Methodist Episcopal church of this town.

A phonographic exhibition at the town hall, Jan. 12, brought out a large number of the students.

The subject of Prof. Howard's recent lecture at Manchester, Vt., was "The American Liberator".

J. F. McNaboe, '92, is agent for the Northwestern Mutual life insurance company for the town of Middlebury.

Prof. Janes of the high school read a paper before

ter what might be the result. His ideal was justice to all classes, and he sought its attainment in every deed and action of his life. Parliament was the scene of his noblest efforts. It was in Parliament that he ably championed the cause of the overburdened American colonies. It was in Parliament that he demanded justice for his countrymen. and pleaded for the rights of his native island; and it was in Parliament that he thundered the words of impeachment against Warren Hastings for high crimes and misdemeanors in his government of India. It was his lofty character, his regard for justice, and his love of truth that made this man so bitter an opponent of the oppressor, so able a champion of the oppressed.

Edmund Burke is a study for all classes, no matter in what field or profession they may engage. The young law student who wishes to know the force of argument and the weight of words, should turn to the writings of Burke. To the future politician who wishes to know the essentials upon which statesmenship is based may turn with profit to the life of Edmund Burke, and contemplate that character which stands an unshaken tower amid the turbulent sea of eighteenth century politics. Around it has whirled the storm of party and of faction; criticism and slander have beaten against it with all their fierceness; but stand it still does, and stand it will until the end of time, a rock unshaken by the elements that dash harmlessly against its base.

J. B. Donoway, '93.

GRAY'S ELEGY.

IT was in the month of November, 1742, that Thomas Gray was tarrying at a small, quiet town in England known as Stoke-Pogis, whither he had come to attend the funeral of a near relative. Being in a meditative frame of mind and surrounded by the quiet scenes of this country village, he began the poem which has made his name a household word. He was, at this time, a youth of twenty-five years, of a roving nature and unsettled in purpose. He soon left that region, having, as he wrote to one of his friends, broken away from the spirit and infatuation of the place which possessed him for a time.

The death of a dearly beloved aunt, seven years later, brought him back to the place and also brought back to his recollection the "Elegy in a Country Churchyard," which he commenced in the kirk-yard upon his former visit to that place. That winter, while residing at Cambridge, he took it up in earnest and is said to have frequently strolled away to neighboring church-yards, where he was accustomed to sit and muse for hours, deriving material and inspiration for that remarkable poem which was destined to make his name famous. It was finished, however, where it was begun, at Stoke-Pogis, receiving its finishing touches about seven years after it was first designed.

When Gray finally completed his poem he sent it to Sir Horace Walpole, who was delighted with this latest effusion of his friend, and who was acute enough to see in it elements of lasting success. However, this poem, which afterwards obtained and retained a higher reputation than any other English poetical production, at first was circulated carelessly and inconsiderately among a few friends; in about a year it was published and is now known in nearly every language of the globe.

Since this poem is not similar to any production previous to that time, it marks a new era in literature. The fact that it was different in style and sentiment, not only wrought an influence upon poetry and poets of that time but also has exercised an influence in all succeeding time. It seems to contain all those qualities harmoniously blended which aid in the production of a fine practical effect, each quality employed in the right place and to the best use. Dr. Johnson, in speaking of it, said: "It abounds with images which find a mirror in every mind, and with sentiments to which every bosom returns an echo." Another author, in commenting upon this production, has remarked that "it possesses the charm of incomparable felicity, of a melody that is not too subtle to charm every ear, of a moral suasiveness that appeals to every generation, and a metrical skill that in each line proclaims the master."

The original manuscript, which was first sent to Walpole, passed through the hands of his relatives and friends till Aug. 4, 1854, when it was sold for one hundred and thirty-one pounds sterling. It consisted of a very old and yellowish piece of foolscap, covered with finely written words which, about a century and a half ago, Gray had traced with a quill of a crow.

E. R. Brown. '93.

Our reading room has never been taken better care of than it has been during the present year. The reading room committee are deserving of great credit for their pains and carefulness. We hope the improvement will be continued throughout the year.

Many of the students are daily practicing in the gymnasium, but as many do not attend there as we desire should attend. It was distinctly expressed at a meeting of the Athletic association last term, that if we succeeded in arranging for an intercollegate contest no person or persons should be sent as delegates except those who trained during the present term. The members of the association meant what they said, as those who think they can shirk the training and still represent the college will find out the delusion when the proper time arrives.

The treasurer of the athletic association desires us to call the attention of the students to the fact that their dues to the association must be paid on or before the first day of March. Many of the Freshmen have not yet paid their initiation dues and a majority of them still owe for their October tax. We would inform those who are not already aware of the fact, that the constitution forbids any person whose dues are not paid up, to be elected to any office in the association or to vote at the annual meeting. This is a privilege which can be had only as the constitution provides, and we hope every member of the association will avail himself of it and make an early settlement with the treasurer.

There is nothing which will do a person as much good after he leaves college as ease of speech. This must be attained in college if it is to be attained at all. The deficiency of our students in this respect is very apparent at our association meetings. True, the class room work aids somewhat in developing this faculty of confidence and ease of speech, but what we obtain in the class-room is not sufficient. We learn from our exchanges that most colleges have literary societies in the exercises of which all the students, or at least a majority of them, take part. Public debates are carried on and this serves to stimulate the students to greater exertions in this direction. Why cannot we organize such a society in our college? We predict that much benefit would be derived from it by the students who cared to take part. Meetings might be held in the chapel once a week or month as suited the convenience of the members. Nothing can be lost by a trial of this scheme and much may be gained.

The following is an extract from the speech made by Hon. H. H. Powers at the annual meeting of the Sons of Vermont, held at Chicago, Ill., Jan. 16, 1891:

We do not forget that, next to Lincoln, the greatest statesmen of Illinois, who in his day and generation made a deeper impress upon our national polity than any other man, and whose wise forecast and indomitable zeal made possible the building of that great central line of railway, which poured a current of life-blood into the early life of your city, was graduated at a work bench in Middlebury, (Stephen A. Douglas), and that your pulpit, your bench, your bar, your press and all the trades and callings in life, have been largely filled by enterprising sons of the Green Mountain State, and that lately when the work of purfying the atmosphere of Haymarket Square became necessary, in order to vindicate the supremacy of American polity over foreign socialism, the duty was confided to the culture, the courage, and the persistent zeal of a graduate of Middlebury college, and that when the jealousies and contentions of your great rival corporate interests required the umpirage of sound sense, wise judgment, and just discrimination, you sent on to us for another graduate of the same college.

The Middlebury college men referred to in the above extract are ones well known to every reader of the UNDERGRADUATE. They have been a credit to their *Alma Mater* ever since leaving her halls. They are Judge Grinnell, '66, and Col. A. F. Walker, '62. It is a pleasure to the UNDERGRADUATE to note that the above remarks were made by a graduate of our neighbor, the University of Vermont. Where is the college of twice its size which has sent out more men who have made their names illustrious than Middlebury?

Personals.

[*The editor of this department appreciates the fact that it is one of special interest to alumni. But as they are widely scattered and many are unknown to him, he asks them to send to the Undergraduate from time to time whatever items they may come in possession of and thus aid in making this department what the alumni desires it to be and what the editors endeavor to make it*]

'16. The Essex County (N. Y.) *Republican* of Jan. 22 contains a sketch of the life of Rev. Jehudi Ashmun, who was in college three years with the class of 1816. Mr. Ashmun has been dead for a number of years.

'38. Major E. R. Wright met with a painful accident a few weeks ago. While crossing the creek bridge he was run into by a delivery team and thrown down, resulting in a dislocated shoulder. He is, however, improving steadily.

'39. Rev. J. A. Ranney of Kalamazoo, Mich., sends us a valuable report of Dr. Blanchard's eightieth birthday celebration taken from the Chicago *Interior*, and a personal letter endorsing the same, a kindness which we appreciate and wish to recognize publicly.

'46. Peter Starr, who was compelled to remove to

the Washington county teacher's institute held at Montpelier, Jan. 9.

Many new text-books have been introduced this term.

Rev. Dr. Smart of Brandon supplied the Congregational pulpit Feb. 1.

A large amount of honor work is being done by the presant Senior class.

Dr. Seaver of Rutland preached at the Congregational church during the month of January.

The occupants of Starr Hall have become rather musical of late. Vocal, banjo and violin solos are frequent occurrences.

Prof. Wright has the class in English literature write essays on different English authors. The essays are to be one-half hour long.

Some of the students are doing very commendable work in holding religious meetings in the surrounding districts every Sunday evening.

Bryant was chosen to represent the college Y. M. C. A. at the convention of New England Colleges to be held at Williamstown, Mass.

The speakers for the Merrill prizes at next commencement will be the eight Sophomores who have the best orations this term and next.

The students all regret that Mr. Higgins has left the Addison. He was a favorite with the boys and always ready to help them in anything.

Rev. Dr. Webber of Northampton, Mass., has accepted a call from the Congregational parish here and will enter upon his duties as pastor about April 1.

Rhetoricals will be held in the Mathematical room until the chapel repairing is completed. The room is rather small for the eloquence which may be expected.

A male quartette furnishes the music at the Congregational church on Sundays. It consists of Dr. Sheldon, '80, Thomas, '93, Seeley, '93, and Toleman, '94.

The class of '92 has elected the following officers: President, J. F. McNaboe; vice-president, Miss A. B. Sheldon: secretary and treasurer, B. W. Colby; historian, A. Macdonald.

The brilliant five-act comedy, *Money*, by Lord Lytton, has been decided upon by the committee who have in charge the entertainment to be given for the benefit of the Athletic association.

A certain freshman has risen many degrees in the estimation of his fellow classmates on account of the bravery which he displayed in stopping a runaway horse in the streets of our town.

Two years ago there were only four democrats among the students of this college. Now they are about one-fourth as numerous as the republicans. The increase is due to emigration, not to conversion, however.

It is amusing to notice how short a time some of the boys take for their breakfast. Many do not get to the hall before 8 o'clock. What would they have done if they had been in College at the time when the first recitation came at five in the morning?

Prof. Wright's remarks in regard to loud speaking in the library have brought about wholesome results. A person desirous of so doing can now study in the library without being disturbed by speeches on the Force or Silver bills or other topics less interesting.

Some of the boys thought they should be excused from attending church Jan. 18 on account of the snow storm. Those who labored under this impression, however, and remained at home, received the customary four demerits on Monday morning in spite of their protestations. The class officer is no regarder of the weather.

The chapel is undergoing thorough and complete repairs. The walls are being frescoed, the woodwork painted, a new hard wood floor is being laid, and the room re-seated throughout. The seats are to be upholstered and the room bids fair to be all that the most fastidious could desire. The frescoing is now nearly completed.

The man who takes care of the lamps in Starr Hall deserves credit for his ingenuity. He was bothered by students who were short of oil taking the hall lamps into their rooms and leaving the hall in perfect darkness. First he wired the lamp to the bracket, but that did not mend matters, as the lamp and bracket were both taken away. Now he has wired them both to the building and has accomplished his object.

Middlebury was well represented at the fourteenth annual banquet of the "Sons of Vermont," held in Chicago on the 16th ult. Grace was said by Dr. Boardman, '47; A. F. Walker, '62, responded to the toast "The True Vermonter," and Hon. E. B. Sherman, '60, was one of the reception committee. Among other Middlebury men who attended were Grinnell, '66, Edgerton. '88, Sherman, '90, Graves, '90, Thomas, '57, Plumbe, '61.

ment combined with the jurist's learning and a lawyer's experience."

'75. J. F. Reynolds has been at Pitkins, Colorado, for over two years. The general catalogue gives his address as Irona, N. Y.

'75. C. M. Wilds is counsel for the C. V. R. R. in a suit brought against it by Boston parties for damages as a result of the Hartford disaster.

'76. Edward Dana is clerk of the board of selectmen of Rutland, Vt.

'77. Prof. Willis I. Twitchell of the Arsenal School, Hartford, Conn., writes: "I continue to enjoy the UNDERGRADUATE. It is an honor to the college and its managers." We heartily thank Mr. Twitchell for his words of encouragement.

'79. John B. Brainerd, M. D., has removed from his office at 615 Tremont St., Boston, Mass., to the Hotel Copley of the same city. Mr. Brainerd was only a short time at Middlebury College.

'81. Harry B. Boyce is soon to leave his position as professor in Pensacola, Fla., and will make his home in the North.

'81. J. C. Harvey will contribute to the March issue of the UNDERGRADUATE.

'82. S. J. Preston writes: "The UNDERGRADUATE is a welcome monthly visitor at my desk." Mr. Preston is principal of the Central High School of Mamaroneck, N. Y., and also secretary of Association of Superintendents and Principals of Westchester Co., N. Y.

'83. The Manchester *Journal* of January 29 contains a very interesting letter from C. M. Severance, formerly of Manchester, Vt., but now a missionary at Tottoei, Japan. Mr. Severance expresses himself as being much pleased with the country.

'83. Prof. Samuel Sheldon of the Brooklyn Polytechnic Institute has a valuable article on "Electrica Storage Batteries," in a recent number of the Popular Science Monthly.

'83. Jesse Stearns has been admitted as a member of the law firm of Hobbs & Gifford, 58 William St., New York City.

'84. Rev. Robert J. Barton of this town was installed on Jan. 20, as pastor of the Congregational church at Salisbury, Vt. Many people from Middlebury attended the installation services.

'86. A. W. Varney, principal of the Bristol High School, read a paper at the Addison County Teachers' Institute held at Bristol, Jan. 13, 14 and 15. The subject of the paper was "Proportion and Square Root."

'87. Geo. R. Wales has been chosen acting private secretary in the war department at Washington, D. C.

'88. We clip the following from the Essex County *Republican:*

SHERMAN ACADEMY, MORIAH, N. Y.—During the past year this popular institution of learning has had a run of unparalleled prosperity under the efficient management of Principal B. L. Brown. The roll at present numbers 125 in the three departments, with the number increaring almost every week. Principal Brown is a rising young educator of an advanced type and his success as a teacher since he left Middlebury College, nearly three years ago, is but an earnest of what may be expected from him in his chosen calling in higher positions of responsibility in the near future. The work in the scientific and indeed in all of the departments is of a high order and gives entire satisfaction to the trustees and friends of the Academy.

'88. The marriage of Miss Minnie L. Stafford, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Spafford of Wallingford to Rev. E. J. Klock, formerly pastor of the Congregational church in Pawlet, was solemnized at the Congregational church in Wallingford Tuesday evening, Jan. 13. The affair was one of the most beautiful that has been celebrated in that town for a number of years. The altar was exquisitely trimmed with evergreens inlaid with flowers. Above the altar hung festoons of evergreens and from the center of which was suspended a large bell of the same material with a tongue of lillies. Rev. Henry Hyde of Greenfield, Mass., assisted by Rev. S. French, performed the ceremony in the presence of a large number of friends and relatives. As the party entered the bridal procession march from Lohengrin was played, and when they retired the familiar strains of Mendelssohn's wedding march greeted their ears. The bride received many presents both beautiful and valuable, chief among which was $500 from her father. The bride gave each of the bridesmaids a gold ring, while the ushers received each a handseme scarf pin. Refreshments were served late in the evening, after which the bridal couple left for Troy on the train. They intend to spend the winter in Florida and in the spring make an extended European trip.

'89. A. E. Cushman is teaching at Lincoln, Vt., and book-keeping for a manufacturing firm of the same place.

'89. P. C. Hoyt was one of the ushers at the wedding of Miss Stafford to E. J. Klock.

Northampton, Mass., on account of his health, is steadily improving.

'53. W. W. Walker of Burlington, Vt., started on a trip to California Monday, Feb. 2. He is one of a party of the wholesale grocers' association which started the excursion. Mr. Walker will not return for several months.

'52. Dr. P. B Goodsell of Boston, Mass., has been quite seriously ill for the past two months.

'52. Dr. L. D. Ross visited his son, Ross, '93, at the college a short time ago.

'58. S. E. Burnham in a letter to the business manager of the UNDERGRADUATE expresses his regret that he is compelled to discontinue the UNDERGRADUATE as his eyesight has so failed that he is unable to read.

'58. A son of Prof. Brainerd Kellogg has been admitted as a member of the firm of Carter & Hughes, attorneys and counsellors at law at 346 Broadway, New York City. The firm is now Carter, Hughes & Kellogg.

'61. Besides his regular duties as pastor at New Haven, Rev. C. N. Thomas preaches at Brooksville, Vt., on Sunday afternoons.

'61. Ezra J. Warner of Lake Forest, Ill., is traveling in Europe and proposes to remain there through the winter and spring.

'62. Miss May L. Davis, daughter of Hon. Park Davis of Sioux Falls, So. Dakota, formerly of St. Albans, was married to Mr. Edgar S. Knowles of Sioux Falls, on Jan. 15.

'62. Col. A. F. Walker of Chicago has been chosen one of five commissioners by the Western Tariff Association to look after railroad rates.

'62. School Supervisor E. A. Hasseltine spoke at the meeting of the Teachers' Association held at Essex Junction a short time ago.

'62. Dr. Holmes writes the following letter to the editor:

SHADYSIDE MANSE, PITTSBURGH, PA., Jan. 20, 1891.

MR. F. D. BOYNTON, Editor Undergraduate,

Dear Sir:—UNDERGRADUATE for January received. It is worth ten times its cost in the matter of personals alone. I wish every alumnus had it in his hand once each month. Your work is a good one. Prosper, increase.

Ever faithfully, R. S. HOLMES.

We hope the alumni will act upon the above and send in their names. Terms, only $1 per year.

'64. Hon. J. K. Batchelder has been elected a member of the Bennington Battle Monument Association.

'66. Col. Thad M. Chapman has resigned the office of chief of police of Middlebury. He has held the office continuously for the past twenty years.

'66. J. W. Lovett has been chosen chorister and Sunday School superintendent at the Middlebury Methodist church.

'66. Rev. E. J. Ranslow spoke at a meeting of the Farmers' League held at St. Albans, Jan. 16. Mr. Ranslow also had an article in the Burlington *Free Press* of Jan. 21 relative to the object of the Farmers' League.

'66. We clip the following from the Burlington *Free Press* of Feb. 3:

Judge Julius S, Grinnell of Chicago, brother of Dr. Grinnell of his city, and who will be well remembered as the officer who successfully prosecuted and hung the anarchists and was afterwards elevated to the bench, having a salary of $7000 a year, has just resigned to accept the position of attorney for a Chicago railway at a salary of $12,000 annually. In speaking of his retirement the press of that city pay him many compliments.

The *News*, Independent, says:

When a wealthy corporation invades the bench in its search for the highest legal attainments—integrity and wisdom—it is prima facie evidence that the people made no mistake in placing the possessor of those qualities on the bench. In Judge Grinnell's case other proofs are not wanting that the good fortune of the Chicago City railway company in securing hls services will be the people's loss. Elected on a non-partisan ticket, Mr. Grinnell's elevation to the bench was an overwhelming tribute to worth and an evidence of gratitude for public service. His too brief career on the bench has amply demonstrated the wisdom of selecting tried and true men in the lesser walks of life for the exalted judicial office.

The *Tribune*, Republican, says:

Judge Grinnell's retirement is a loss to the bench which will be near impossible to replace. He was a bold, fearless, upright judge and the corporation that has secured his services are to be congratulated while the people who respect law and order are to be condoned. Julius S. Grinnell is a Democrat in politics but never in a judicial capacity.

The *Herald*, Independent, says:

Judge Grinnell had an honorable future before him as a jurist, for few men stood higher on the bench and friends everywhere wish him success in his present position, for he merits it. We cannot blame the judge for retiring, the salary was tempting and the position a most honorable one.

The *Free Press* adds:

These are well deserved compliments to a graduate of Middlebury College.

For further account of Judge Grinnell see class history of '66 in this issue.

'66. Abner Smith is strongly talked of as a candidate to succeed Judge Grinnell. A western paper says: "He is a first-class lawyer, of judicial tempera-

The Banjo and Glee Clubs of the U. V. M. are to give an entertainment at the town hall, Feb. 18. Every student should turn out and give the boys a hearty welcome.

A thing to guard against—"The student who looks to another person to do his thinking, to discover the reason of things, may become very skillful in appropriating to himself other people's ideas and results, but he loses all the mental growth that is of value to him and acquires a habit of dependence and distrust." —*Lombard Review.*

We clip the following pithy paragraph from an article on Suffrage in the *Century* for February:

The suffrage, whatever happens. and whether or not women are generally admitted thereto, must be purged of crime against itself; those who bribe and are bribed should forfeit citizenship; habitual offenders against the laws should not have the right to make the laws; invincible ignorance should not pretend to instruct and govern at the polls; and foreigners should not be made citizens and voters without knowing anything of the rights and duties of American citizenship, or of the Constitution to which they swear allegiance.

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'90. B. W. Norton has finished teaching at Acton, Me., and accepted the principalship of West Lebanon Academy, West Lebanon, Me.

'90. H. E. Owen has entered the law office of W. F. Foote, Jr., Port Henry, N. Y., as a student.

'91. F. L. Bell has obtained a position in the law office of Swift & Sanford at Potsdam, N. Y.

'93. B. Frank Wynne visited Port Henry last week.

College Notes.

Over six hundred copies of the UNDERGRADUATE were issued this month. The March issue will contain several articles from the ex-editors-in-chief, besides an illustrated history of Middlebury College, taken from the commencement programmes, etc. Extra copies should be ordered by March 1.

In the Harvard Annex there are one hundred and sixty-three students.

Amherst has just published a new general catalogue, the first since 1878.

Contributions to American colleges during 1889 amounted to $4,000,000.

271 colleges out of a total of 365 in the United States are denominational.

Portuguese students are raising a company for active military service in Africa.

Foot-ball has been introduced in some of the German universities with great success.

Since 1873 Cambridge has won seven and Oxford six of the annual foot-ball matches.

The inauguration of Dr. Scott. the new President of Rutgers, took place on Wednesday, Feb. 4.

Seventy-one American colleges were represented by 185 students at the University of Berlin the past season.

The entering class at Oxford numbers six hundred and fifty. This is considered a small class for the university.

Foot-ball in any form has been strictly prohibited by the authorities of the University of Heidelberg, Germany.

Victor Mapes, of the Columbia *Spectator*, won the prize of $25 offered by the *University Magazine* for the best story.

The majority of college professors in the United States receive salaries under $3000, while not one receives over $5000.

A North Carolina student having discovered that asbestos is indestructible by fire, says he wishes to be buried in a suit of it.

American colleges derive two-fifths of their income from students, while English universities get only one-tenth from that source.

Within six years 289 pupils of the public schools of Prussia, impelled by fear of "flunking" in examinations, have committed suicide.

This is a Cornell Sophomore's translation for the passage from Horace, "*Sublimi feriam sidera vertice*" —"I will strike the stars with my sublime vertex."

Some will read Shakespeare and Browning;
And some read the Bible, methinks;
Some will work hard at their duties,
The rest will play Tiddledy Winks.

—*Colby Echo.*

In the University of Michigan 28 per cent. of the students in the literary department are women and 17 per cent. of the students in all departments are women.

St. Peter at the gate—Halt. New Spirit—Open up and let me in. I'm a college graduate, class of '90. St. Peter—No, you can't come in. We don't want any advice about running the universe.

The *Brunonian* deplores the low ebb of religious interests at Brown University, the class prayer meetings having been given up and the college meetings attended by less than a dozen students.—The opposite is about the state of things at Middlebury.

The buildings for the new Stanford University, built by Senator and Mrs. Stanford as a monument to their son Leland, are rapidly approaching completion. They are situated at Palo Alto, an estate of 8000 acres, reaching from the valley of the bay of San Francisco to the foothills of the coast range.

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When people were troubled with woes,
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—*Williams Weekly.*

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and the former assure us that they appreciate our efforts. Following is an extract from one of the many letters we have received from them: "I enclose herewith a few personals for the UNDERGRADUATE which I have picked up. I am glad to see the 'UNDERGRAD.' developing into a *news*-paper with less pseudo-literary efforts and greater human interest. The more of a chatty reminiscent character you can infuse into personal and local matter the more thoroughly the paper will be read. Personal and reminiscent articles always take well. The class histories you have given just fill the bill. Some letters from old alumni on the general features of student life in their day would be interesting also." We believe that this is the policy for the UNDERGRADUATE to continue, and we hope that our successors will make the alumni department, personals and town and campus departments the most prominent features of the paper in the coming year.

We wish to thank the alumni and undergraduates for their generous support and hearty co-operation with us in our efforts to make ours one of the representative college journals, and no board of editors can succeed without this support. The new constitution, if carefully observed, will put no unfit person on the board, and this is right. No student who has not a true interest in the success of the enterprise as such should ever cumber the board, no matter what organization he may represent. We welcome our successors who hold the places they do by virtue of hard, faithful work, and bid a reluctant adieu, ever wishing and striving for the success of Middlebury College and the UNDERGRADUATE.

THE Greek elective class met at Professor Eaton's home on Saturday, Feb. 28, for their Greek evening. The subject was Greek Painted Vases, and by means of books containing numerous illustrations and colored plates, the following points, among many others, were made clear. A knoweledge of the vases is important for a correct understanding of antique life and thought. The extant specimens are counted by thousands. Their forms are very varied and adapted to their particular uses. A picture of a newly opened grave showed how they were used in connection with burial. The various stages of manufacture were studied by paintings from the vases themselves. The three important styles, antique, black figured and red figured, were illustrated, and in each the gradual development. At first the ornamentation was simple and in succession plants, animals and human figures were introduced. In the black-figured style, by comparison of earlier with later specimens, the advance in the representation of the dress, the head and face, and the horses was seen. In the red-figured there was progress from the severe and stiff style to those having much elegance and grace and extreme delicacy of painting. The white lekythoi, which have been found in Attica in recent years to the number of 700, and which often exhibit the most perfect Attic style, represent in most cases mortuary scenes. These evenings are very pleasant and full of instruction, and we wish these talks might be given before the whole college.

THE subscription price of a majority of college journals is but one dollar a year. The entire amount resulting from subscriptions and advertisements is expended upon the papers. Those who perform the work do so without any expectation of remuneration for their time or labor and they are never disappointed. Now, why are college papers published? The UNDERGRADUATE is published, primarily, to keep the alumni informed as to the doings of and interested in their Alma Mater, and to create and stimulate among the students a strong college spirit. There are numerous secondary motives, the chiefest being the cultivation of literary activity and the journalistic training of those who edit it. It is assumed that the alumni want information from their college home by all college journals; the UNDERGRADUATE *knows* it from her subscription list. We wish that every alumnus whose name we do not see there would have his interest awakened to the extent of one dollar, in order that the coming year the size of each issue may be increased, so that it will not be necessary to throw aside many interesting items and abridge others to an aridness greater than the one Elijah called down upon Israel.

The Ex-Editors.

WHEN THE DARKNESS FALLS.

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TWO lIttle hands are clasped in prayer,
Hands like the lily leaves, so white,
Pale little lips, with a weary air,
Murmur: "God bless my soul tonight."
"Mama," the dying angel calls,
"Will papa be here, when the darkness falls?"